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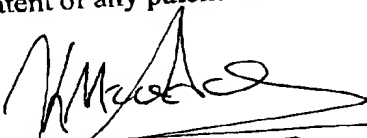
- (1) I am the inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified application.
- (2) Prior to December 15, 1999, I had completed the invention as described and claimed in the above-referenced patent application in this country, a NAFTA country, or a WTO country, as evidenced by the following:

(a) Prior to December 15, 1999, I submitted an article entitled "In vivo detection and staging of epithelial dysplasias and malignancies based on the quantitative assessment of acetic acid-tissue interaction kinetics" to the Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology, as evidenced by a copy of the published article attached hereto as Exhibit A.

(b) Prior to December 15, 1999, the foregoing article was received and accepted by the Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology. Specifically, as evidenced by a copy of the published article, the article was received by the Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology on September 14, 1999 and accepted on October 26, 1999.

(c) The foregoing article describes the invention as described and claimed in the above-referenced patent application.

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